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As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

Do we, of this country, realize when we are confronted with impending disaster and ruin? Have we lost our ability to properly evaluate magnitudes of destruction and misery, I but state the sincere opinion of the world's great and wise when I write that never in the history of mankind has such ominous and destructive evils threatened the human race as are crowding in at this present moment. Here are a few statements gleaned from the thousands that could be written which reveal how the shapers of human thought and action regard the present situation:

Dr. Raymond D. Fosdick: "To many ears comes the sound of the tramp of doom—Time is short."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler: "The end cannot be far distant."

H. G. Wells: "The world is at the end of its tether. The end of everything we call life is close at hand."

General Jan Christian Smuts: "There can be no doubt any more that for us, for the human race, the hour has struck. Mankind has arrived at the crisis of his fate. The fate of its future as a civ-

ilized world."

Dyson Carter, Canadian physicist: "If we use atomic bombs even in war play, we are yelling at death to come and get us."

How can we, facing the condition, which we all know is hanging over our heads, do the things that the following facts show we are doing. The situation should become a personal issue with every intelligent citizen of this nation.

When former president Herbert Hoover returned from his tour of inspection of the war-ruined portions of the world he reported to the people of this country that 800,000,000 fellow humans were facing starvation and that millions would surely die unless help reached them in time. In verification of this we are informed that tens of thousands are now dying daily and that millions more will die within the next few months unless there is a change in the situation.

During the first six months of 1946 the brewers and distillers in the United States consumed 3,314,811 tons of grain. For the last six months the government released 500,000 bushels of grain a month to the distillers and made three large grain increases to the brewers.

For the year, 1946, the brewers, according to the Brewers' Journal consumed 300,535,351 pounds of sugar. The effect this startling increase in the consumption of intoxicating liquors is having upon the people of this country should even cause a crazy man to become sane.

"In 1933 we had a consumption of 1.69 gallons per capita; in 1935 it had reached 11.24; in 1937 we had 14.90; in 1945 the average for every man, woman and child in this country was 20.67 gallons." Taken from Clip-sheet of August 19, 1946.

"The F. B. I. reports for the first six months of 1946 in 1422 cities with a population of 47,000,000 the number of persons arrested for violating the liquor laws, 21,144; driving while intoxicated, 44,823; and drunkenness, 914,919. During the same period crime in the rural districts increased more than 19% over the corresponding period of 1945. The F. B. I. also states that five times as many women were arrested for drunkenness in 1944 as in 1932. Drunken driving among women during that period increased to a staggering 226%.

The supreme court of the United States recently stated: "The statistics of every state show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits obtained in these retail saloons than to any other source. We do not suppose there is a more potent factor in keeping up the necessity of asylums, penitentiaries, the jails, and producing pauperism and immoral-

ity throughout the country than liquor.

Dr. George Mecklenburg, in the Washington Post, of September 23, 1946, stated: "I came back from Europe very loath to have to admit that ours is the most drunken nation in the world."

Well, neighbors, what do you think of it? The menace of atomic destruction cloaking the world like a funeral pall, millions now starving, we give our grain and sugar to the distillers and brewers, to convert into alcohol with which to ruin our boys and girls, and let the world starve. It just does not make sense. What are we going to do about it?

Langlois News

Walter Hofsess has been taking medical treatment from a doctor at Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hamersly returned home from Lakeview, where they spent holidays with relatives.

The many friends and relatives of Dick Hofsess will be glad to hear that he is able to be up in a wheelchair. He expects to have an X-ray picture taken of his legs, and be able to return to his home later this week. He had undergone surgery at St. Vincent hospital about a week ago.

Miss Charidiah Galbreth has returned to her home at the Langlois restaurant after spending the holidays at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Thompson and son left Wednesday afternoon for their home at Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Auer and son of Coquille visited Mrs. Auer's mother, Mrs. Carrie Boice, and sister, Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hofsess went to Coquille Thursday for furniture and have moved into the house on the Will Sabin ranch, formerly occupied by the late Mary E. Thompson.

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Dance at Harbor Grange this Saturday night, Jan. 11. Come and enjoy it.

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